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Letter dated 27 March 2006 from the Permanent Representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Upon instructions from my Government and with reference to the letter dated 15 February 2006 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of the United Arab Emirates to the United Nations and the annex thereto (A/60/680-S/2006/108), I have the honour to state that the Islamic Republic of Iran categorically rejects the baseless claims contained therein regarding the Iranian islands of Abu-Musa, the Greater Tunb and the Lesser Tunb, and reiterates that these islands are integral and eternal parts of the Iranian territory; the contexts of the annex to the said letter regarding these Iranian islands are totally baseless and void of any legal value.

In line with the Iranian principled position of enhancing stability and tranquillity in the Persian Gulf region as well as in the spirit of good-neighbourly relationships, the Iranian Government has always offered to negotiate with the relevant officials in the United Arab Emirates with a view to removing any misunderstanding between the two countries with regard to the implementation of the 1971 memorandum of understanding between Iran and Sharja.

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) M. Javad **Zarif**

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